

**From:** Fern Spring  
**Sent:** March-17-25 2:00 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@esquimalt.ca](mailto:Council@esquimalt.ca)>  
**Subject:** Daycare Proposal

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Township of Esquimalt Network. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

March 17, 2025

Mayor and Council  
Municipality of Esquimalt, BC

Dear Esquimalt Mayor and Council:

I am writing to you concerning a letter I received last week asking for public consultation regarding the opening of a Spanish Immersion Childcare Centre. (copy below). The proponent of this idea is Luz Mary Calderon at 909 McNaughton Ave. The letter was distributed by Esquimalt which includes a disclaimer by them that they bear no responsibility for the contents of the notice. Because Esquimalt distributed the letter, it would appear to give some credibility to the proposal, despite the disclaimer.

Although I have several concerns, here are a few that I think Esquimalt should take note of:

1. The legal requirements to operate a “day care”. The safety and well-being of children should be a priority.
2. Qualifications of the operators and the staff that would be hired to supervise the number of children proposed.
3. The curriculum is an overestimation as to what could be accomplished. Are the operators teachers? Would there be measurable outcomes?
4. The very limited physical space, inside and out, at 909 McNaughton Ave. (Lower section of half a two sided duplex). The proposal suggests that the outdoors would be the “classroom”, however, weather would be a limiting factor here.
5. Residents surrounding the location would be severely impacted.

Although the proponent of this proposal may have the best of intentions, monetary gain aside, it appears to me that the whole idea is impractical and would not provide the conditions that any caring parents would want for their children.

My hope is that Esquimalt will take the initiative here and contact the proponent, informing her of what is required to proceed, and take the necessary steps to halt the entire concept as it is before it gets started.

Fern Spring  
302 Uganda Ave.

March 18, 2025

The Mayor and Council  
Township of Esquimalt

We are writing to express our concern regarding a letter we received last week for a proposal of a Spanish Immersion Daycare/School for twenty four children aged 30 months to 5 years of age at 909 McNaughton Avenue. The Township distributed this letter along with a disclaimer noting that Esquimalt bears no responsibility for its contents. However, the disclaimer appears to give some credibility for this concept.

As long time home owners and taxpayers of Esquimalt, we have a number of concerns. Listed here are the major ones:

- 1) What are the qualifications needed to operate a daycare/school?  
- How many 'minders' are need for supervision of 24 children?
- 2) 909 McNaughton is part of a four-plex. It is our understanding that the top floor of their half will continue to be rented out thereby shrinking space even further for this operation.
- 3) There is insufficient space for this number of children to play outdoors.  
The area is not fenced for safety of the children.
- 4) The proposal suggests that seventy percent of the time, classes will be held outdoors.  
Given our weather this may mean May to September at best. Not realistic.
- 5) The impact this project will have on residents in close proximity of the daycare/school.
- 6) Parking is taken up by Abstract Development workers on McNaughton Avenue.  
This immediate area is Resident only Parking.

While we have no problem with the overall idea of this project, the fact remains that 909 does not have adequate space available and is not suitable for a sizeable daycare/school. If the property was single-family with adequate fencing for the safety of the young ones we would not have any complaint.

We urge the Mayor and Council to scrap this whole idea before it takes root.

John and Delphia Scratchley  
305 Uganda Ave.

[johnscratchley@gmail.com](mailto:johnscratchley@gmail.com)

(Encl. 3)

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The signature on the left is in dark ink and appears to be 'John Scratchley'. The signature on the right is in blue ink and appears to be 'Delphia Scratchley'.





back yard space, 909 McNaughton (upper photo)



**From:** Brenda Bourquin  
**Sent:** March-27-25 1:26 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@esquimalt.ca](mailto:Council@esquimalt.ca)>  
**Subject:** Public Consultation Letter Rec'd

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Township of Esquimalt Network. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Please pass on to the council person acting on behalf of **Luz Mary Calderon for the meeting March 31. 2005 at Victoria West Community**

Re: **Letter of public consultation for a daycare**

We have a few concerns regarding the proposal for a Spanish Immersion day care centre:

1. 909 McNaughton Avenue does not have backyard space for 24 children on a daily basis.
2. There is lots of traffic in this area, at the moment there is a multi dwelling not completed as yet and that will add to the traffic.
3. Road parking is limited to residential parking with extra vehicles belonging to suites in the homes on McNaughton .

Solution:

Perhaps space in the Victoria West Community for the daycare would be more appropriate and spacial or The building in Kinsmen Park might have space for the daycare. Either place would be more appropriate for space.

Sincerely  
B & B Bourquin  
312 Uganda Avenue

**From:** [Joan Williams](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** [Spam] Re: Rezoning of 909 McNaughton Ave, Esquimalt  
**Date:** May-14-25 8:22:48 PM

---

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Township of Esquimalt Network. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council members,

Today I received the "Notice of Public Hearing Rezoning Application Notice", and I would like to give input on the proposal.

I am not in favor of a Group Children's Daycare Centre at this location for the following reasons:

1. There are homeless people and drug addicts that hang out in close proximity to this house- 909 Mcnaughton Ave. At the end of McNaughton there is a path going down to the Gorge waterway that is public access. People can sit on the waterfront bench and hang out there. I've been there several times and felt unsafe because of the sketchy people that were stoned, acting weird and unpredictable. I was afraid and left immediately and do not go there by myself for personal safety reasons. It's an isolated area where people can overnight or do drugs without anyone seeing them unless they come down the ramp. As a parent I would not want my child to be exposed to this.
2. Selkirk Ave, Uganda Ave and McNaughton Ave are a traffic cut through for Craigflower and Tillicum Roads during rush hour or traffic back-ups. It's mostly impatient drivers trying to get home a little bit quicker. There are quite a few parked cars on Uganda and especially McNaughton because of the condo construction on Tillicum Road. After occupancy of the nearby Tillicum condo building, the parking will probably get worse on McNaughton as there's no parking allowed on Tillicum Road. Neither McNaughton nor Uganda Ave will fit 4 vehicles across. So, vehicles that are meeting each other have to pull in between parked cars to pass. It's not safe for children to be walking on the street in this scenario.
3. There are no public sidewalks on either McNaughton Ave or Uganda Ave. Adults and children must walk on the street where the cars are driving. It is not safe to have a group of 24 children aged 30 months to 5 years old walking along these streets.
4. The proposed daycare program is to have the children age 30 months to 5 years, outdoors 70 percent of the time. The weather in Victoria is not conducive to this proposal. What activities will they do with 24 children, ages 30 months to 5 years, in the winter months for 5-6 hours per day in the rain and cold? I think it's a bad proposal that borders on child abuse. Children this age should not be outside for this long during the cold rainy winter months. It's feasible when the weather is nice, but that's only May to September, 5 months.

For these reasons, I feel it's not a suitable location for this type of childcare program.

The safety and comfort of the children must be considered. In order for it to proceed, there would need to be sidewalks installed and adequate and appropriate space for the kids to be indoors during the winter months for the majority of the day. The homeless situation at the waterfront would also need to be monitored so the children are safe and not exposed to unsafe conditions. This proposal is not well thought out and does not consider the safety and comfort of the children. This is very concerning to me.

Sincerely,

Joan Williams

306 Uganda Ave